

## Appendix C:

# General Categories of the ACLU/U.S. Supreme Court Cases

The ACLU / U.S. Supreme Court cases generally fit the four main categories below (with the subcategories added), but given the nature of the law and litigation, a case may fit into more than one category and subcategory. For that reason, I have not attempted to explicitly categorize the cases.

### 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment

- A. Obscenity: Cases in this category deal with the limits of the freedom of “obscene” and offensive speech.
- B. Defamation: Cases involving libelous publication and slanderous utterances against individuals.
- C. Religion: Involves the free exercise of religion and the prohibition of the establishment of an official government religion.
- D. Press, Speech, Association: Cases in this category involve freedom of speech, the press, and association.

### 2. Criminal Justice

- A. 4th Amendment: Cases involving the limits of protection against unwarranted search and seizure.
- B. Criminal Procedure: Includes the 5th and 6th Amendments, as well as criminal trial procedures.
- C. 8th Amendment: Cases involving the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.
- D. Death Penalty: Cases involve appeals and commuting of sentencing.
- E. Drugs: Cases where narcotics is the issue or cause of the arrest.
- F. Prison: Cases involving inmate rights, prison conditions, and the parole process.